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SUBJECT: PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

1. NCNA REPORT OF APRIL 8 ON THIS YEAR'S DIPLOMATIC TOUR STATED THAT TWO OF THE HOSTS FOR THE GROUPS WERE YANG CHI-LIANG, DIRECTOR OF THE MFA'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, AND WANG MING-HSIU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NOT YEARD OF THIS DEPARTMENT BEFORE AND ASSUME THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN REVIVED FROM BEFOR E THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. YANG IS A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA AND WANG HAD BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE USSR/EAST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT.

2. WHEN ONE AMBASSADOR ON THE TRIP ASKED YANG ABOUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, HE RECEIVED A VAGUE REPLY INDICATING IT DEALT WITH PERSONNEL AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS. YANG DID NOT INDICA TE ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT OR WHETHER THAT DEPARTME NT CONTINUES TO EXIST.

3. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT EXPLAIN HIS DEPARTMENT'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE MFA PARTY COMMITTEE, YANG DID SAY THAT CHIAO KUAN-HUA HEADS THE PARTY
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COMMITTEE AND THAT ALL OF THE VICE MINISTERS WERE MEMBERS OF IT.

WHEN ASKED IF THE MFA REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE HAD ANY MASS REPRESENTATIVES,
HE INDICATED IT WAS FINE FOR OTHER REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES TO HAVE MASS REPRESENTATIVES BUT THE WORK OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS TOO IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE THEM.

4. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING HONG KONG OR THE DEPARTMENT HAS ON THE MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.
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